

ASHES OF THE LOS ANGELES DISASTER.

RIGHTLY UNDESTOOD, THE TRADES UNION MOVEMENT IS THE SUREST WAY TO AN INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY IN THIS REPUBLIC. WITH ORGANIZED CAPITAL UNCHECKED BY SOME SUCH ORGANIZATION OF THE TOILERS, INDUSTRIAL FEUDALISM IN ITS MOST VICIOUS FORM WOULD MAKE WHITE SLAVERY IN THIS COUNTRY EVEN MORE HORRIBLE THAN THE BLACK SLAVERY THAT COST SO MUCH OF PRECIOUS BLOOD TO ABOLISH.

But trades unionism cannot successfully employ the tactics of plutocracy. Standard Oil may do with impunity what workingmen dare not do. It may dynamite and burn the plants of rivals to destroy competition; it may steal the land and all the bounties of nature beneath its surface; but workingmen cannot do the same.

Only through education of the general public to its real aim and purpose can trades unionism finally bring about industrial justice.

It would be easier, of course, if the common people outside the ranks of organized labor understood, but they don't. And they will have to understand before there will be a square deal.

Organized privilege, which now seeks to enslave the people of this country, will make the most of the McNamara confession. It will aim to make the people believe that all unionists are McNamaras in spirit. It will do all in its power to create the impression that trades unionism is lawless and murderous. It will lie, bribe and keep on committing the crimes it has learned so successfully to commit with impunity.

But organized labor will have to take the other tack.

IT CAN'T BEAT CRIMINAL CAPITALISM AT ITS OWN DESPERATE GAME.

It has learned these tricks from capitalism, but it can't get away with them. And **IT IS GOOD THAT LABOR CAN'T FOR ITS ULTIMATE TRIUMPH IS ALL THE Surer THROUGH LEGITIMATE METHODS.**

Anyhow, this is not the time for hunting some goat to punish. There has been punishment enough. False leaders who foolishly try to win against plutocracy with plutocracy's weapons, will have to step aside.

CLEAN, HONEST TRADES UNIONISTS ARE NEEDED FOR POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP, BUT THEY MUST BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE RIGHT, AND WISE ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT LABOR CAN WIN ONLY BY CONVINCING THE COMMON PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE RANKS OF TRADES UNIONISM THAT TRADES UNIONISM MEANS